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NDHP SERGEANTS GRADUATE FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Sergeant Michael Gerhart of the Minot Highway Patrol District, Sergeant Dolf Oldenburg of the Grand Forks Highway Patrol District, Sergeant Norman Ruud of the Williston Highway Patrol District, and Sergeants Jody Skogen and Brandon Solberg of the Fargo Highway Patrol District recently graduated from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). The ten-week SPSC, which holds several sessions per year, is designed to prepare top- and mid-level law enforcement managers and supervisors for senior agency positions. Twenty-six officers from North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah attended the course.

Sergeants Gerhart, Oldenburg, Ruud, Skogen, and Solberg attended the 229th class, which was hosted by the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the North Dakota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board, and was held at the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy in Bismarck, North Dakota. The session ran for ten weeks, from May 22 to August 4, 2006. A graduation luncheon was held at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club on August 4, 2006.

The major topics of study include: Management and Management Theory, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources for Law Enforcement, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation, and Personnel Development. More than 7500 officers, both nationally and internationally, have taken advantage of the program since its first session was held in 1983.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 for the purpose of expanding the scope of university-level education and training in traffic safety. Since that time, the Center has broadened its original objective to include training in police operations and management.

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